(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The provisioning of microwave link does not depend on the successful launching of INSAT-1D. Microwave link and INSAT-1D link are independent of each other.

(b) Gujarat has already been connected both on microwave and satellite.

(c) Question does not arise in view of the reply given in part (b).

Setting up of separate Ministry for NRIs

@1627. SHRI M. M. JACOB:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar recently organised by the non-resident Indians in the Capital, a suggestion was mooted for the setting up of a separate Ministry for NRIs; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto in the context of their new industrial policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the time being Government has decided to set up a separate Division on Overseas Indians in the Ministry of External Affairs which will look after, *inter alia* the interests of the NRIs.

Enquiry into murder of a candidate in the Meham Election

@@1628. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has completed enquiry into the murder of a candidate in the Meham elections in May, 1990,

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the inquiry is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The State Government of Haryana have been requested to accord their specific consent under Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act empowering CBI to investigate the Meham incidents. The State Government have so far not given the required consent. However, the Union Government have appointed a Commission of Inquiry to look into the Meham incidents, headed by Shri Justice D. P. Madon, retired Judge of the Supreme Court. The Commission has sought the services of CBI to assist the Commission under Section 5A of the Commission of Inquiry Act and necessary concurrence of the Government of India has been accorded to the Commission in the matter.

Bridge at I.T.O., New Delhi

@@@1629. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, about three years back, a notice board was put up on the Yamuna Bridge at ITO in Delhi stating that a parallel four lane bridge would be built alongside it to ease the traffic congestion;

@Previously Unstarred Question 388, transferred from 9th August, 1990.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 393, transferred from 9th August, 1990.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 504, transferred from 10th August, 1990.